

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, yes I do. I don't want to bracket this bill. We've worked on it. We've been working all year on it. I don't want it fritzed up now by a bill that has nothing to do with this bill. I want to go ahead, win, lose, or draw and go ahead now. I don't want to bracket it at all.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I can only echo the comments that were made by Senator Nichol. I'm sure that this is a fine bill and if we are not able to get to it on General File this year, I'm sure that Senator Newell is familiar with the fact that the bill will be held and we can certainly address it early in the session next year. As Senator Nichol said, we've spent a great deal of time on this, a number of people have and we'd certainly not like to see the bill impeded at the present time. So I would ask you not to support Senator Newell in his attempt to bracket this bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Newell, you may close on your motion to bracket.

SENATOR NEWELL: The reason we were trying to hurry this bill along, it's non-controversial bill if there ever was one. I know that's a terrible thing to say on the floor of the Legislature because there is nobody that will believe that. I'm not trying to kill 162. In fact, I think 162 is a very needed piece of legislation. What I'm trying to do, however, is to speed this...expedite this bill, speed this bill along, because what it does is it deals, it helps employment agencies move this to do their jobs because of an adverse court decision as a way a poorly worded law was previously. This is truly a non-controversial bill. I would hope that I would have a moment to explain it to the body. I think that we can do that. I think the chairman of the Business and Labor Committee would like to explain it and if we can just bracket this until Monday, I think we would have, we would be able to proceed with this, be able to do it in such a way as it won't cause any great havoc. If we could just get by this bit of fear that we have right now that some dastardly is going to happen to 162 or that this bill is terribly controversial.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Newell, if LB 535 is on General File was just reported in at this time for your information and for the information of the body.

SENATOR NEWELL: LB 535 is on General File now Senator Cullan.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That's right, just so you know it.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would hope that they would bracket this bill. I think that given a little time to explain it to the members, they would have no problem putting it on and there is a great need to pass this legislation this year. Thank you. I'd like to use some of my closing to the chairman, Senator Maresh, chairman of the Business and Labor Committee.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator DeCamp. Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for point of order.